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REMARKS

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1. On 9 February 1954, the Loewen Kaserne and the Adler Kaserne (2063), Doeberitz, were occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets. On 26 January, source for the first time observed 6 x 122-mm field howitzers in an open shed on the west side of Adler Kaserne, and, on 28 January, T-34 tank No 178 entering the Adler Kaserne.

2. Between 26 January and 9 February, up to 4 T-34 tanks and 2 armored scout cars almost daily left the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf (2065) for the training area south of Hamburger Chaussee. The vehicles returned after several hours. T-34 tanks were almost daily seen in the area north of the installation and in the barracks yard. Mortars, presumably of 120-mm caliber, were repeatedly seen in the barracks area. On 2 February, 4 prime movers towing 100-mm AT guns were seen en route to the installation from the training area south of Hamburger Chaussee.

3. Between 5 and 15 February, winter exercises were held at the training grounds and in the vicinity of Doeberitz, including the training area south of Hamburger Chaussee, where heavy fire was frequently heard from the direction of Potsdam. An informant stated that the exercises also involved the Ketzin area and the area between Nauen and Falkensee, north of Doeberitz. On 9 February, a column of 10 trucks towing 122-mm field howitzers and

1 truck towing a field kitchen, and one additional truck was seen on Hamburger Chaussee, proceeding toward Altes Lager. The trucks were occupied by an average of each 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 9 February, 2 tanks entered the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf, 3 T-34 tanks the Adler Kaserne and 6 T-34 tanks Neues Lager (2061). On 10 February, 8 T-34 tanks, including Nos 90, 91, 92, 93, 148, left the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf toward the training area south of Hamburger Chaussee. On 12 February, 7 trucks, each occupied by about 12 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the Loewen Kaserne, proceeding westward via Hamburger

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Chaussee, while about 10 sedans and numerous officers at a conference were seen in the yard of Loewen Kaserne. In addition to the exercises, troop elements up to company strength daily received instruction on light and heavy machine guns and 82-mm mortars in the training areas south of Hamburger-Chaussee and northeast of Olympisches Dorf (2067).

4. On 6 February, Altes Lager (2061) was occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 50 troops were seen marching in the camp. [redacted] 25X1

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5. On 26 January, the road from Gross-Glienicke toward north was blocked and guarded by sentries. Farmers were not permitted to work in the fields on Galgenberg, north of Gross-Glienicke. At about 2 p.m., several tanks and 5 122-mm field howitzers withdrew from the road into the woods east of the fish pond. The above mentioned road was still blocked on 5 February. Smoke rose from the woods west and northwest of Gross Glienicke.

6. On 13 February, Altes Lager (2061) was occupied. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Between 3 and 10 February, about 30 troops received instruction on 3 x 57-mm AF guns in the barracks area, while other soldiers drilled and about 40 to 60 troops entered the camp from the direction of the training area. On 13 February, about 30 vehicles were lined up in the barracks area, presumably for an inspection. The vehicles almost daily left the camp toward Kesselbruch. [redacted]

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7. A craftsman stated that additional stoves had been installed in Altes Lager as more Soviet families were expected to arrive soon.

8. On 13 February, the Loewen Kaserne and the Adler Kaserne (2063) were only lightly occupied. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles seen en route to the Adler Kaserne [redacted]

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9. On 13 February, the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf (2065) was rather heavily occupied. [redacted]

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10. On 13 February, the Hasenheidenberg cantonment was occupied by a guard detail of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 10 February, [redacted] towing trailer [redacted] was observed near the camp. On 5 February, 3 T-34/85 tanks were firing near Hasenheidenberg; at about 3 p.m., several tanks practiced driving in the Dragonerwald area; at about 3:30 p.m., troops practiced throwing of hand grenades at two firing ranges south of Highway No 103 between Kuersiedlerwald and Kesselbruecken and, between 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., artillery was firing in the Alter Muehlenberg area. Trucks [redacted] were seen en route toward Dallgow and the village of Doeberitz. On 3 February, 4 unarmored motor vehicles of an unknown type, including 2 vehicles mounting a light machine gun on the hood [redacted] were seen on Highway No 103, coming from the direction of Elstal and proceeding to Hasenheidenberg. On 10 February, an undetermined number of troops practiced marksmanship with carbines at the firing ranges near Kesselbruch and, at about 10:40 a.m., other details of troops marched toward Kesselbruch, coming from the direction of Altes Lager. At about 10:40 p.m., reports of artillery pieces were heard from the direction of Fehrbitz. On 13 February, 3 T-34/85 tanks practiced firing at Hasenheidenberg;

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at about 11:30 a.m. troops practiced firing with submachine guns at the firing ranges near Gietelfenn and, at about 1 p.m., other troops were firing with carbines near Kesselbruch. Artillery fire was heard from the direction of Fehrbitz. At about noon, 6 BA-64 armored scout cars and 6 jeeps went toward Altes Lager, coming from Hasenheidenberg via Highway No 103. Between 3 and 13 February, source determined that additional houses in the Rohrbeck settlement were scheduled to be vacated for Soviet families, who kept arriving at Elstal. Many Soviet dependents were observed in the Doberitz area.

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Comment. The information tends to indicate that, beginning in early February, the 1st Rech Div in Doberitz, as other divisions in East Germany, conducted small-scale exercises, including firing with live ammunition, in the vicinity of the post. Another source, in 1953, also observed 122-mm field howitzers in the Adler Kaserne. Information in paragraph 1 supports the assumption that this installation is occupied by the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Regt of the division. The other installations appear to be occupied as previously.

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